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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE



Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm in the West, no better than steady to barely steady in the Northeast, steady in remaining areas. Retail demand ranged slow to good, best where features were in progress and in anticipation of first-of-the-month needs. Food service was light to fairly good, best into fast food areas with ads. Supplies were usually sufficient for trade needs. In the parts structure, breast items were in good balance to tight and continued to trade at premium levels. Wings were increasing in availability and dark meat was mixed, however clearing well. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at weights in a full range.

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading advanced .25 cents to 62.50 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 63.00 cents last year on January 30, 2002

Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted prices on ice-packed parts for next week's trading.

ITEM	DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)
LINE RUN TENDERS	168.50
BREASTS - B/S	150.00
BREASTS - WHOLE	84.50
THIGH MEAT - B/S	59.00
LEG QUARTERS	19.00
WINGS	74.00

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SOUTHERN Trade sentiment was generally steady. Retail demand was light to moderate, best where promotional activity was a factor. Food service was fair to fairly good. Supplies were usually sufficient for current trade requirements. In the parts structure, breast items were close balanced to tight and continued to trade at premium levels. Wings were sufficient, but more available, and dark meat items gained some momentum due in part to exports and retail interest. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

NORTHEAST Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was mostly fair during midweek trading as dealers continued with a cautious and selective posture. Offerings of all sizes were at least adequate to available. Retail and distributive movement was limited. The market tone was barely steady. In the parts complex, supplies of breast items were tight to closely cleared. Dark meat cuts were at least sufficient and wings had increased in availability.

MIDWEST Trade sentiment on whole fryers was steady. Offers varied from production areas, but adequate for current trade needs. Movement into all sectors was noted as slowing and disappointing, best demand into food service accounts. Floor stocks were in a full range, weights mixed. Parts demand was lagging and irregular, best for breast items. Supplies of breast items were adequate to tight, all other items adequate. The market tone was steady to firm on whole and boneless/skinless breasts, steady to instances weak on wings and steady on remaining items.

WESTERN The market tone was fully steady to firm. Offering in close balance to adequate for the fair buying activity. Retailer demand was moderate to good best to cover first-of-the-month needs. Floor stocks were generally adequate for current interest. The market tone on parts fully steady to firm on breast, wings started to show a little weakness, dark meat items steady to fully steady.

CHICK PLACEMENT AND EGG SET TOTAL

19 STATES	PERCENT CHANGE	
WEEK ENDING 01/25/03	2003	2002 PREVIOUS YEAR
EGGS SET	204,772	206,876 -01
CHICKS PLACED	166,044	167,400 -01

BROILER EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES DOWN 1 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 205 million eggs in incubators during the week ending January 25, 2003. This was down 1 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS PLACED DOWN 1 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 166 million chicks for meat production during the week ending January 25, 2003. Placements were down 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 29, 2002 through January 25, 2003 were 657 million, down 3 percent from the same period a year earlier.

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 8-Mar-03 IS ESTIMATED AT 151.9 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 150.1 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 158.1 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 156.8 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 55.39 CENTS PER POUND.

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SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

JANUARY 29, 2003

F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	871	126.00-226.00	127-132	130.68
TENDERLOINS	158	120.00-176.00	122-127	133.44
BREAST - LINE RUN	144	72.00-79.00	76-78	76.27
FRONT HALVES	151	69.50-73.00	-	71.25
LEGS	91	19.00-32.00	20-22	22.77
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	631	15.00-18.00	15-16	15.27
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,113	17.00-26.00	19-20	19.81
WINGS (WHOLE)	119	71.50-74.00	-	72.66
WINGS (CUT)	478	84.00-92.00	85-89	86.58
DRUMSTICKS	68	29.00-46.00	-	31.00
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	865	125.00-226.00	126-133	131.46
TENDERLOINS	103	120.00-172.00	-	138.12
BREAST - LINE RUN	105	77.00-90.00	79-82	79.03
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	123	19.00-32.00	20-22	21.80
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	671	15.00-18.00	16-17	16.45
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,183	17.00-26.00	19-20	19.97
WINGS (WHOLE)	119	71.50-77.00	-	73.16
WINGS (CUT)	463	82.00-93.00	84-87	86.49
DRUMSTICKS	69	32.00-46.00	-	33.32
THIGHS	71	29.00-44.00	-	30.80
B/S THIGHS	62	49.00-62.50	-	53.82

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
42.25 - 45.50	40.68	42.00 - 46.50	45.53	42.68

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS

Trucklot buying activity was cautious and selective and noted as typical for midweek trading. Offerings of breast items continued to clear and were no more than adequate to balanced. Dark meat cuts were at least sufficient and wings were occasionally noted as increasing in availability. Retail and distributive draw was fair. The market tone was fully steady to instances firm on breast items and about steady on the balance.

*PRICES PAID PER POUND, ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES JANUARY 28, 2003

JANUARY 29, 2003

ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	145-150	140.88	602,400
TENDERLOINS	110-115	115.41	167,352
BREAST - WITH RIBS	82-83	88.14	186,600
BREAST - LINE RUN	82	86.20	118,960
LEGS	31-32	31.22	254,120
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	19-20	19.82	528,946
DRUMSTICKS	23-24	27.13	175,470
THIGHS	21-22	29.01	71,640
B/S THIGHS	62-63	64.15	87,580
WINGS (WHOLE)	74-75	77.28	181,600
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.09	22,760
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	30.45	19,720
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	50-55	51.77	21,670

ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	150-155	144.96	364,570
TENDERLOINS	110-115	119.77	73,909
BREAST - WITH RIBS	84-85	90.39	136,000
BREAST - LINE RUN	84	88.67	127,200
LEGS	31-32	30.40	270,080
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	19-20	20.20	352,802
DRUMSTICKS	23-24	25.82	153,230
THIGHS	21-22	31.22	48,440
B/S THIGHS	62-63	64.28	78,320
WINGS (WHOLE)	74-75	77.95	158,790
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.98	47,240
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	30.83	12,260
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	50-55	49.16	28,080

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	01/29	01/28	01/27	01/24	01/27	01/24	01/22
ALA	3,776	3,832	3,807	3,895	5.08	4.98	3,190
ARK	4,616	5,227	5,072	4,895	5.02	4.75	4,699
DELMARVA	2,244	2,343	2,280	2,573	5.20	5.17	2,376
KY-LA-TN	1,566	1,849	1,845	1,886	5.05	4.94	1,568
MISS	2,849	2,866	2,872	2,980	5.43	5.30	2,701
NC	2,390	2,499	2,444	2,659	6.18	6.10	2,481
TEXAS	2,413	2,413	2,045	2,369	4.86	4.70	2,428
TOTAL	19,854	21,029	20,365	21,600	5.24	5.12	19,443
MON-WED	62,095	(A)					54,473

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 29-Jan 03 and is estimated to be 29,704,000 up 1.81 percent from a week ago and down 2.4 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 29,176,000; last year 30,421,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	89-91
ROASTERS 4# & UP	80-95
HENS UNDER 5#	-
HENS OVER 5#	66
DUCKS	-
RABBITS-WHOLE	-
RABBITS-CUT UP	-

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK	94-99
	DRY PACK	102
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	104-105
	DRY PACK	113
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	91-98
	DRY PACK	-
DUCKS		152-166

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 01-Feb-03

CLASS	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	02/01/03 (1)	01/25/03
THOUSAND HEAD		
BRO-FRY	151,807 (2)	147,964
LT HENS	1,724	1,899
HVY HENS	1,480	1,338
TOTAL	155,011	151,201

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 01-Feb-03 is 154.2 million head compared to 155.9 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 152.1 million head or 2.1 million less than estimated available. For week of 08-Feb-03 the estimated available is 153.3 million head.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS-SELECTED STGE CENTERS
(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEY	PROCESSED POULTRY
	LBS	LBS
AM 01/27/03	140,399	76,468
AM 01/01/03	131,968	79,054
CHG	8,431	-2,586
PCT CHG	6	-3

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	1/27/03	1/20/03	1/28/02	1/27/03	1/20/03	1/28/02
PACIFIC						
COAST	7,717	7,809	5,329	5,424	5,098	3,490
LOS						
ANGELES	1,381	1,388	177	4,001	3,969	2,085

CENTRAL MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY RTC HENS

READY-TO-COOK PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR DELIVERY TO FIRST RECEIVERS, U.S. GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 LBS. AND UP, FOR WEEK OF JANUARY 27, 2002

HENS	ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	RANGE
		58-64
	VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	62-79

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES

	FOR 1/28/03			
	LOW	HIGH	AVG	
HEAVY FOWL lb.	.50	.75	.60	HEAVY FOWL ea.
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	-	-	MIXED FOWL ea.
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-	BANTAMS ea.
BROILERS lb.	-	-	-	BROILERS ea.
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.
ROOSTERS lb.	.90	1.50	1.24	ROOSTERS ea.
GEESE lb.	-	.35	-	GEESE ea.
TURKEYS lb.	-	.40	-	TURKEYS ea.
DUCKS lb.	.90	1.55	1.30	DUCKS ea.
RABBITS lb.	1.20	1.65	1.41	RABBITS ea.
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.
SILKIES ea.	-	-	-	GOSLINGS ea.
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	-	-	TURKEY POULTS ea.

TOTAL COOPS 48

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - Mexico City

Cents per pound for the week ending January 24, 2003

	Whole	Legs	Necks, Backs	Livers/
	Chickens	Breasts	W/ Thighs	& Wings
RAYON				
Low	56.63	109.06	71.31	20.97
High	57.89	117.45	75.50	23.07
Mostly	57.05	113.25	75.50	20.97

SAN JUAN

Low	57.05	113.25	75.50	16.78	12.16	49.92
High	58.72	121.64	83.89	25.17	14.68	49.92
Mostly	57.05	117.45	75.50	20.97	13.84	49.92

NEW SAN JUAN

Low	57.05	117.45	79.70	20.97	12.58	50.33
High	60.40	125.84	88.09	25.17	16.78	50.33
Mostly	57.05	117.45	79.70	23.07	14.68	50.33

BECERRA

Low	57.05	117.45	75.50	16.78	12.16	48.24
High	58.72	125.84	83.89	25.17	14.68	48.24
Mostly	57.05	121.64	79.70	18.88	14.68	48.24

DELMARVA

Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was fair. Seller offerings varied by size but were fully sufficient for immediate delivery. Live supplies were moderate; weights differed in a full range of light to heavy. Processor schedules were just moderate overall and reflected some spot downtime. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 56 to 66 cents. Trade sentiment was no better than steady. In the parts complex, additional buying interest had slowed. Breast cuts continued to clear well at some but not all plants. Leg quarters were adequate and clearing satisfactorily. Wings were readily available at some points.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

	BRANDED	
	U.S. GRADE A	
RANGE	49-69	
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	59.06	
NO. OF BOXES	7,675	

*8 of 8 plants reporting.

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